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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: CLYDE J. WATTS, Attorney for EDWIN A. WALKER, advised that private investigators hired to investigate shooting attempt on WALKER developed as suspect one BILL DUFF, a Scotsman, who had allegedly remarked he was person who shot at WALKER. WATTS advised results of investigation pertaining to DUFF was turned over to Dallas Police Department. WATTS stated he considers there is possibly some connection between BILL DUFF and Subject.

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CLYDE J. WATTS, Attorney, 219 Couch Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, furnished the following information:

He is a long-time personal friend of EDWIN A. WALKER, Dallas, Texas, former General of the United States Army. He is presently acting as legal counsel for WALKER.

In the Spring of 1963, shortly after someone shot at WALKER in his home in Dallas, Texas, WATTS hired two private investigators in Oklahoma City to go to Dallas and attempt to ascertain the identity of the person who had shot at WALKER. These investigators were BILL KEESTER, former member of the Oklahoma City Police Department, and CLIFF ROBERTS, former Oklahoma State Narcotics Bureau Agent.

During the investigation conducted by KEESTER and ROBERTS, information was received that one BILL DUFF, a Scotsman, who was at one time employed by WALKER or WALKER's staff, had allegedly remarked he was the person who had shot at WALKER. KEESTER and ROBERTS made contact with BILL DUFF without disclosing their true identity or capacity as private detectives, and offered DUFF $5,000.00 to shoot WALKER. DUFF was interested in the proposition and discussed with KEESTER and ROBERTS a plan to shoot WALKER. A tape recording was made of the discussion and this recording, along with the results of the investigation by KEESTER and ROBERTS, was turned over to the Dallas Police Department. At no time did DUFF ever admit to KEESTER and ROBERTS that he was the person who had previously attempted to shoot WALKER. At the time KEESTER and ROBERTS were in contact with BILL DUFF he resided at 5420 Lewis Street, Dallas, Texas.

WATTS stated he has read in the public press that LEE HARVEY OSWALD's wife has reportedly stated OSWALD was the person who had shot at WALKER and, therefore, he considers there is possibly some connection between BILL DUFF and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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By SAs ROBERT W. KNIGHT and J. A. GRIMES/TK Date dictated 1-9-64

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